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COMMITTEE REPORT

YES:	11
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MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1530, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

- 1 Page 3, line 27, after "interview" delete "," and insert ":
- 2 (A)".
- 3 Page 3, line 30, after "school" delete "." and insert ";".
- 4 Page 3, between lines 30 and 31, begin a new line double block
- 5 indented and insert:
- 6 **"(B) the school principal provides to the student a copy of**
- 7 **statistics compiled by the department of education**
- 8 **concerning the likely consequences of life without a high**
- 9 **school diploma; and**
- 10 **(C) the school principal advises the student that a driver's**
- 11 **license may not be issued to the student upon the student's**
- 12 **withdrawal from school, for a reason other than financial**
- 13 **hardship (as prescribed under IC 9-24-2-1)."**
- 14 Page 3, after line 32, begin a new paragraph and insert:

1 **"(l) A written acknowledgment of withdrawal provided under**
 2 **subsection (j) must include a statement that the student and the**
 3 **student's parent or guardian understand that withdrawing from**
 4 **school is likely to:**

- 5 **(1) reduce the student's future earnings; and**
- 6 **(2) increase the student's likelihood of being unemployed or**
 7 **incarcerated in the future.**

8 SECTION 2. IC 20-8.1-3-17.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 9 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 17.7. (a) This section applies to an**
 11 **individual who:**

- 12 **(1) is at least sixteen (16) years of age but less than eighteen**
 13 **(18) years of age;**
- 14 **(2) has not completed the requirements for graduation; and**
- 15 **(3) wishes to withdraw from school before graduation.**

16 **(b) An individual to whom this section applies may withdraw**
 17 **from school only if all the following conditions are met:**

- 18 **(1) An exit interview is conducted.**
- 19 **(2) The individual's parent consents to the withdrawal.**
- 20 **(3) Upon making a determination that the individual will not**
 21 **benefit from continuing in school, the principal of the**
 22 **individual's school consents to the withdrawal.**
- 23 **(4) The withdrawal is based on the individual's need to be**
 24 **employed to support the individual's family or dependents.**

25 **(c) For purposes of this section, the following must be in written**
 26 **form:**

- 27 **(1) An individual's request to withdraw from school.**
- 28 **(2) A parent's consent to a withdrawal.**
- 29 **(3) A principal's consent to a withdrawal.**

30 **(d) If the principal of an individual's school does not consent to**
 31 **the individual's withdrawal under this section, the individual's**
 32 **parent may appeal the denial of consent to the governing body of**
 33 **the school corporation.**

34 **(e) This subsection does not apply to a home school. A school**
 35 **corporation, nonpublic school (as defined in IC 20-10.1-1-3), or**
 36 **charter school (as defined in IC 20-5.5-1-4) shall provide an annual**
 37 **report to the department setting forth the following information for**
 38 **the year most recently ended:**

- 1 **(1) The total number of individuals:**
 2 **(A) who withdrew from school under this section; and**
 3 **(B) who either:**
 4 **(i) failed to return to school at the beginning of a**
 5 **semester; or**
 6 **(ii) stopped attending school during a semester;**
 7 **and for whom there is no record of transfer to another**
 8 **school.**
 9 **(2) The number of individuals who withdrew from school for**
 10 **each reason set forth in subsection (b)(4).**
 11 SECTION 3. IC 20-8.1-4-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 12 2005].
 13 SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) The**
 14 **department of education shall develop a form for the written**
 15 **consent to withdraw from school for a school corporation's use in**
 16 **implementing IC 20-8.1-3-17(j), as amended by this act.**
 17 **(b) The department of education shall compile and make**
 18 **available to schools statistics concerning the likely consequences of**
 19 **life without a high school diploma. The statistics must include, but**
 20 **are not limited to, statistics that show the likelihood of an**
 21 **individual's:**
 22 **(1) unemployment or a lower paying job; and**
 23 **(2) involvement in criminal activity;**
 24 **as the consequence of not obtaining a high school diploma.**
 25 **(c) This SECTION expires December 31, 2005.**
 26 SECTION 5. **An emergency is declared for this act."**
 (Reference is to HB 1530 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Representative Behning